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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages _____ 3-12 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1,2 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 06 April 2004 (06.04.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1-9 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 03 November 2003 (03.11.2003)
- ☒ the drawings:
pages _____ 1/3-3/3 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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 V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
 citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: AT 360 699 B (BLUM GMBH JULIUS) 26 January 1981
 (1981-01-26)

2. Document D1 (page 3, line 4 to page 4, line 11; figure 8), which is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses relate to said document) a telescopic guide from which the subject matter of claim 1 differs in that at least some of the rollers that are mounted so as to rotate about the horizontal axis are arranged laterally offset to one another in the direction of their longitudinal central axes in the associated cage, relative to other rollers that are mounted so as to rotate in the same cage about the horizontal axis and roll on the same runners.

3. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4. The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of reducing the load on the runners.

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5. Offset rollers that are mounted in the same cage are a common solution (see, for example, D1). Offset rollers which roll on the same runners are not, however, disclosed or suggested in any of the search report citations. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

6. Claims 2 to 9 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

7. The subject matter of the present international application appears to be industrially applicable (PCT Article 33(4)).